



# Minutes

## Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 23, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 6:25pm

**PRESENT:** Rome, McCann, Cheu, and Clark  
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Katharine Hardt-Mason

**ABSENT:** Hauge, and Hubbell  
Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad

**STAFF:** Public Works Associate Engineer David Gittleson  
Public Works Administrative Secretary, Karen Nelson

**DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA:** Mr. Gittleson certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Gittleson opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the January 26, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **ORAL REPORTS:**

#### **1. Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report**

Mr. Gittleson noted the Report was handed out at the January meeting. Member Clark noted it was clear what the changes were. There were not any other comments, and no need to carry this item forward to next agenda.

#### **2. Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update (BPAC)**

Member Hauge was absent, no report given. Carry this item forward to the next meeting.

#### **3. Parks and Recreation Representative**

Ms. Hardt Mason reported someone from VTA is on the Coyote Valley Specific Plan. She noted that BTAC had mentioned their desire for connected trails. She is presenting this information for follow-up if the committee is interested.

The permit has been pulled for the Morgan Hill Grand Prix Bike Race, scheduled for 9/3/06.

Member Clark requested a copy of the Parks Master Plan for review (Ms. Hardt Mason will give him one) so he could see if there is any disconnect with the Bikeways Master Plan or to determine if there is a better way to integrate the bike lanes/trails into the Parks Master Plan.

The Youth Advisory Committee has received about half the money needed to revamp the skate park and desires to integrate BMX bikes. They are looking for corporate sponsors to fund specific elements. Member Clark indicated that Fox Racing might be interested.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Bicycle Friendly Community Application**

Member Hauge was absent, no report given. Carry this item forward to the next meeting.

### **2. Bike Parking at Various Community Events**

Member Cheu reported he has not been contacted. The next large event is the Mushroom Mardi Gras. Member Clark will contact the Chamber.

### **3. Request Funding from PRC for Purchase of Bike Racks**

Member Cheu checked into the costs for portable bike racks, determining the best rate is \$150 each, plus freight, for racks manufactured by Ultimate. They are lightweight, easy to assemble, and come in a self-contained bag. Member Clark noted that he looked for other alternates at a Bike Show in Las Vegas, and there aren't any other racks to be purchased like what we're talking about. Member Clark stated that based on his prior bike parking experience, we would need four racks – more is a luxury, less is insufficient. Member McCann made a motion to recommend to the PRC that the City purchase four racks at the cost of \$150 each in time for the Mushroom Mardi Gras in May 2006. His motion was unanimously approved.

### **4. Discussion and Concerns about Pedestrians (BTAC to BPAC)**

Member Clark said that he raised this issue because there doesn't appear to be any voice for the citizens for downtown aside from making Police reports. Ms. Behzad previously reported that her investigation determined there is no other commission taking responsibility for pedestrian concerns downtown. Member Clark thinks it is a worthwhile task – his question is do we as a committee have an interest in expanding into a pedestrian advisory committee and do we have the will? Everyone is quite busy and this would require tackling additional concerns. Member McCann said other committees like BTAC in other cities do take on the concerns of pedestrians, but BTAC already has

its plate full. He suggested the idea be taken under advisement. Ms. Rome asked what Member Clark had in mind when he made the suggestion. Member Clark responded that Morgan Hill isn't a very pedestrian friendly community – you have to take your car to get downtown because there aren't sidewalks all the way to the downtown. It was noted that Public Works had the responsibility for the traffic calming downtown, including the fluorescent signs. Ms. Rome asked if there was ever an entity representing pedestrians? After all, not everyone bikes, but everyone walks and therefore there are more pedestrians than there are bicyclists. The Planning Commission and the City Council look at new development for residential, schools or commercial development, but the lower Commissions or Committees aren't given any review opportunity. Member Clark asked for this item to be carried over since members were split in their opinions, and the full committee wasn't present. Ms. Hardt Mason suggested that reviewing the charters of other committees in other cities that include pedestrians might help the members to determine the scope of work required to include this extra effort. Ms. Rome volunteered to look on the internet at committee charters in the suggested cities of Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Cupertino, and Davis.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Trails Master Plan is in process, and Member Clark requested that staff report on the status of the \$30,000 grant at the April meeting.
- Educational Programs – This should be a business item in March to get an update.
- Discussion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues – Carry over to March
- Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report – Oral Report for March
- Discuss May's Bike to Work Week – Member Cheu
- Oral reports on Llagas Creek Trail/Wildlife Trail – Member Clark requested
- Cycling Award for March Agenda – Member Hauge

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2006 at 6:15 pm.